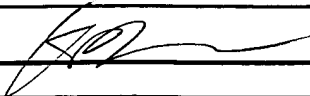


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		Group Art Unit: 3627	
		Examiner: James A. Kramer	
		Attorney Docket Number: 09812.0578-00000	
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.			
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